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Joint Resolution

Designating October 13 through 20, 1990, as "American Textile Industry Bicentennial Week".

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[H.J. Res. 518]

Whereas in 1790 Samuel Slater, an immigrant mechanic, began producing cotton yarn via water-powered machinery in Pawtucket, Rhode Island;

Whereas Samuel Slater's success led to the firm establishment of the textile factory system in the United States of America and helped give birth to the United States industrial revolution;

Whereas thousands of immigrants from dozens of nations came to the United States to work in these mills and factories alongside the thousands of American textile workers;

Whereas the textile industry has played a major role in the development of the American economy, social system, and political history over the past 200 years; and

Whereas the leaders of the United States textile industry have declared 1990 as "America's Textile Industry Bicentennial Year" in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the first successful production of cotton yarn in this country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of October 13 through October 20, 1990, is designated as "American Textile Industry Bicentennial Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 25, 1990.

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